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SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT

1. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CYRUS VANCE'S APPOINTMENT AS SECSTATE RECEIVED FRONT PAGE COVERAGE ALL PAPERS WELL AS SERIES OF FAVORABLE EDITORIALS

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ALL AGREED THIS SELECTION SIGNALLED MORE OPEN AND RESPONSIVE APPROACH ON PART OF US TO THIRD WORLD. VANCE DESCRIBED AS TRIED AND COMPETENT PROFESSIONAL WITH REPUTATION ON AS SKILLED NEGOTIATOR AND MODERATE AND SYMPATHETIC MAN.

2. ON DECEMBER 4 TVRI RAN ONE AND ONE-HALF MINUTE VISNEWS CLIP ON PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER. PLANNING TO TELECAST IMV POST-ELECTION FILM ON CARTER IN JANUARY PRIOR TO INAUGURATION.

3. PREVIOUS READING OF AFTERMATH OF "NEWSWEEK" ARTICLE ON PRESIDENT SUHARTO WAS THAT IT WOULD NOT AFFECT OFFICIAL U.S.-INDONESIAN RELATIONS. THIS CONTINUES TO BE CASE. HOWEVER, JAKARTA STRINGER FOR "NEWSWEEK", JUDY WILLIAMS, NOW FACING DE FACTO EXPULSION FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDONESIA UPON EXPIRATION HER VISA. MEANWHILE OTHER MEMBERS

FOREIGN PRESS IN JAKARTA HAVE NOTICED SOME TIGHTENING OF RESTRICTIONS. A RADION AUSTRALIA CORRESPONDENT HAS BEEN DENIED EXIT VISA FOR ROUTINE VISIT TO SINGAPORE AND ACCESS TO GOI OFFICIALS HAS BECOME NOTICEABLY MORE DIFFICULT.

4. ON NOVEMBER 12 POST BEGAN EFFORTS ON BEHALF FAUBION BOWERS TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM GOI TO FILM THREE PROGRAMS ON INDONESIAN DANCE FOR CBS' "CAMERA THREE" SERIES. CBS TOKYO WAS NOTIFIED TO APPLY FOR VISAS AND PERMISSION THROUGH INDONESIAN EMBASSY THERE AND BOWERS, IN JAKARTA ON OTHER BUSINESS, WAS INTRODUCED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF DEPARTMENTS OF INFORMATION AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. WHILE MIDDLE-LEVEL ECHELONS IN JAKARTA PROCLAIMED INABILITY TO ACT WITHOUT REQUEST FROM INDONESIAN EMBASSY IN TOKYO, EMBASSY THERE REFUSED TO ACT WITHOUT WORD FROM DEPARTMENT FOREIGN AFFAIRS. FOREIGN MINISTRY AND MINISTRY OF INFORMATION OFFICIALS STRESSED THAT "NEWSWEEK" ARTICLE WAS REASON FOR CAUTION ON PART OF GOI.

5. FINALLY, AMBASSADOR NEWSOM REPRESENTED CBS CASE ADMIRAL SUDOMO, CHIEF OF KOPKAMTIB (COMMAND FOR RESTORATION OF STABILITY AND ORDER). ADMIRAL SAID HE HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO BOWERS AND FILM CREW COMING TO INDONESIA. MEANWHILE, HANKAM (DEFENSE AND SECURITY DEPARTMENT) OFFICIALS HAVE GOTTEN INTO ACT RELATING "CAMERA THREE" PROJECT TO RECENT DUTCH TV TEAM PROJECT WHICH MADE FILM ON POLITICAL PRISONERS IN INDONESIA. ADVERSE PUBLICITY IN NETHERLANDS TO FILM HAS MADE HANKAM OFFICIALS VERY SENSITIVE SIMILAR MEDIA PROJECT EVEN THOUGH IT IS PURELY CULTURAL IN NATURE. BOWERS AND CREW NOW IN BANGKOK WHERE THEIR VISAS EXPIRE SATURDAY.

6. POST'S "ALERT" SERVICE CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS FOR COMMUNICATING WITH ARS-1 MEMBERS AVERAGING 150 REQUESTS MONTHLY FOR OVER ONE THOUSAND ITEMS. NOVEMBER ISSUE "PRISMA," INDONESIA'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS MONTHLY PUBLICATION, DEVOTED ENTIRE ISSUE TO DISCUSSIONS AND CRITICISM OF INTELLECTUALS' ROLES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, SUGGESTED BY "ALERT" ARTICLE, "SOCIAL SCIENCE: THE PUBLIC DISENCHANTMENT," AMERICAN SCHOLAR, SUMMER '76.
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